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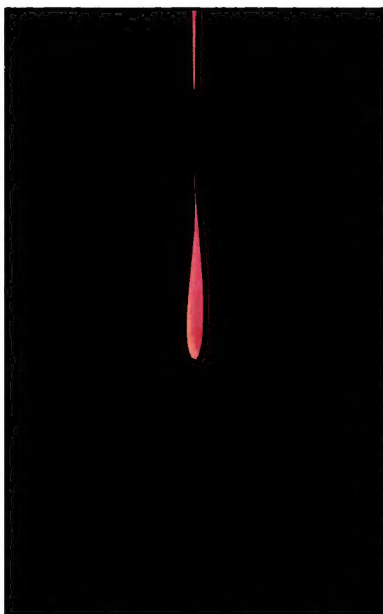
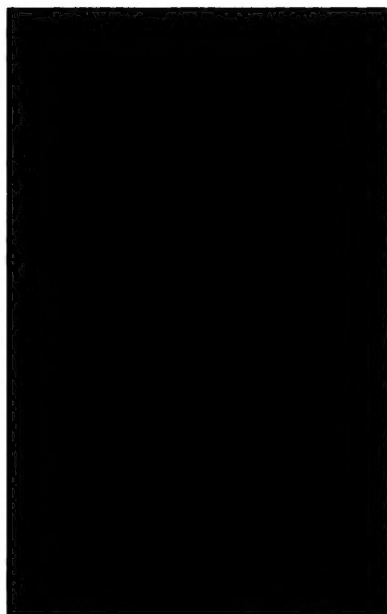
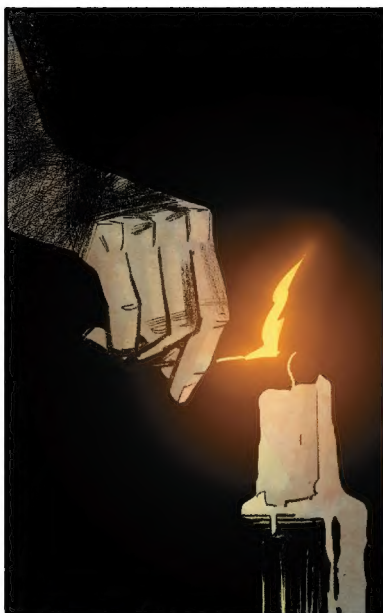
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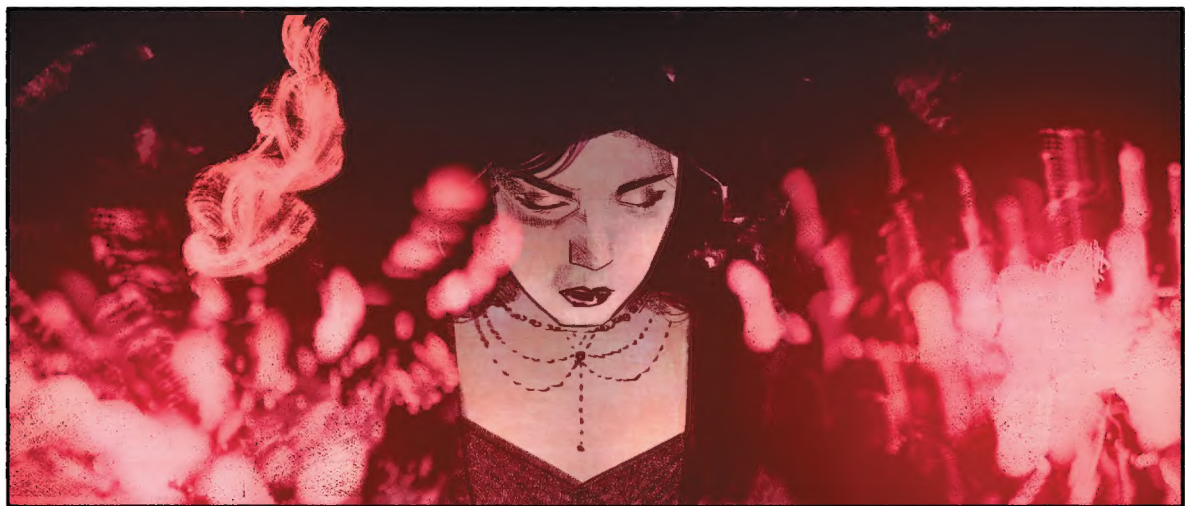


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"HE MET AN OLD FRIEND."



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GUESS
WHAT TIME IT IS,
POOMSY.



SOMETHING
SOMETHING
CLOBBERING.





INFAMOUS IRON MAN



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Civil War II had dire consequences for billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark, who once used a powered suit of armor to protect the world as the invincible Avenger Iron Man. For reasons that remain his own, the former super villain Doctor Doom chose to take up his mantle as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

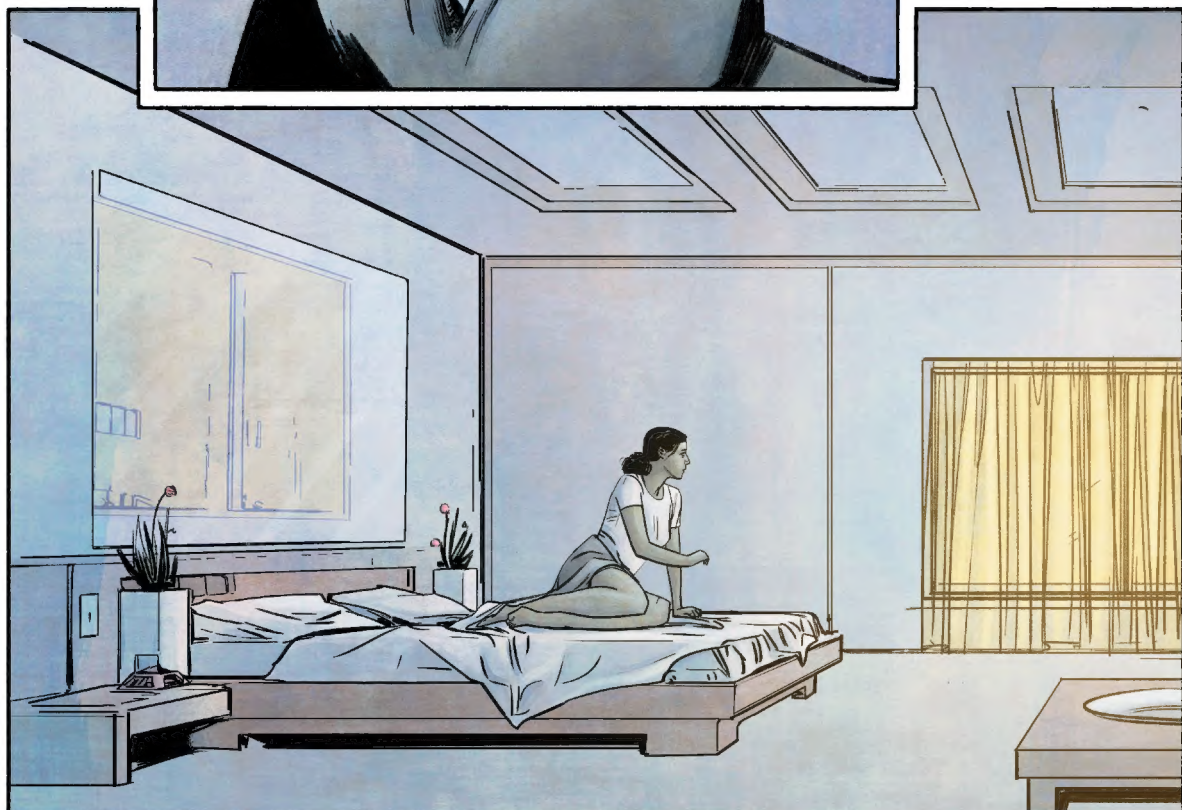
His startling choice didn't go unnoticed. Doom's mother, a master of the dark arts long believed dead, has been resurrected and is secretly watching her son's every move on his road to redemption.

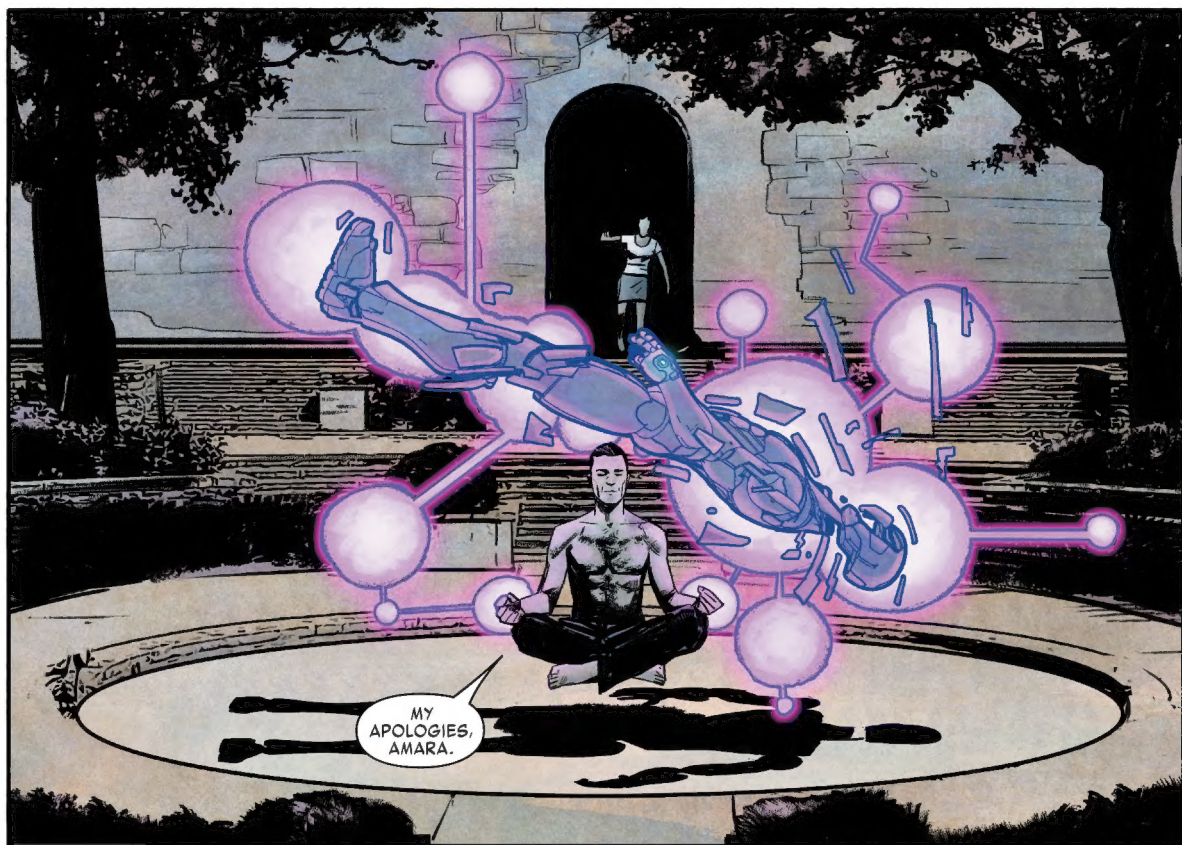
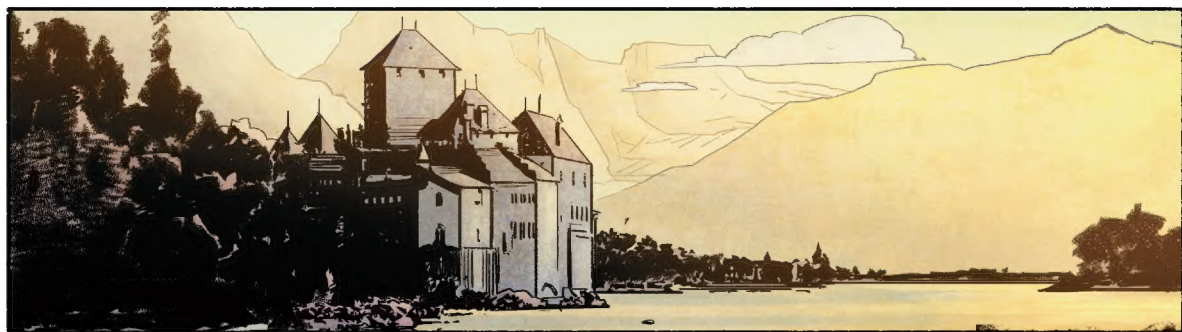
And Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, has been hunting his longtime nemesis for S.H.I.E.L.D. He finally caught up to Doom at the apartment of Amara Perera, a brilliant scientist who accepted Doom's offer to set her up with an off-the-grid research lab and is now trapped in his orbit.

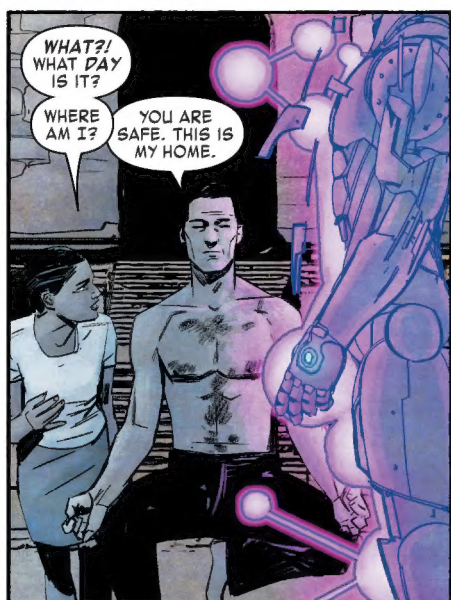
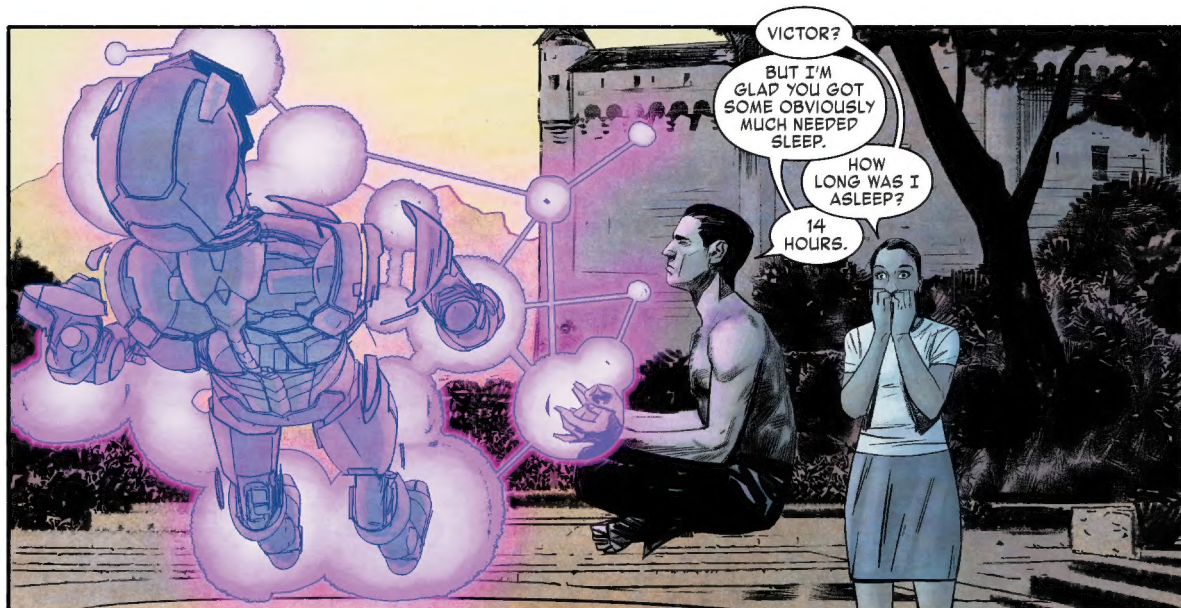
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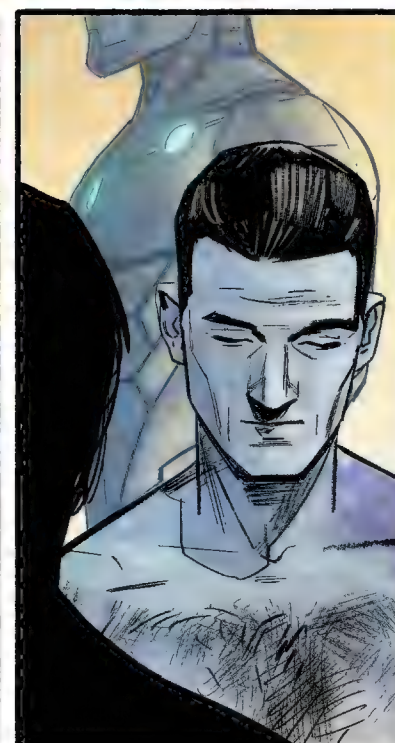
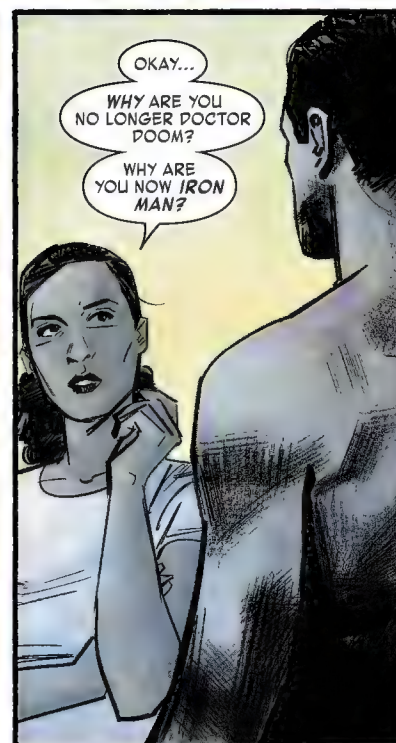
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MY ENTIRE
LIFE WAS A
QUEST FOR
POWER

THIS IS NO
SECRET

I WAS BORN
A HOMELESS
ROMA, LIVING IN
THE WOODS, THE
SON OF A DARK
WITCH.

AFTER I CRAWLED
OUT OF THOSE WOODS
AS A YOUNG MAN,
I NEVER LOOKED
BACK, AND I MADE
MYSELF A KING.

I MADE MYSELF
A LEADER, A
SCIENTIST AND
BORDERER.

BUT THIS
PART MAY
TAKE YOU ABACK
A BIT.

AFTER A LIFETIME
OF SEARCHING,
I FINALLY FOUND HOW
TO MAKE MY DREAM
OF ULTIMATE POWER
A REALITY.

AND FOR A
BRIEF MOMENT
IN TIME,

I OWNED
THE UNIVERSE.

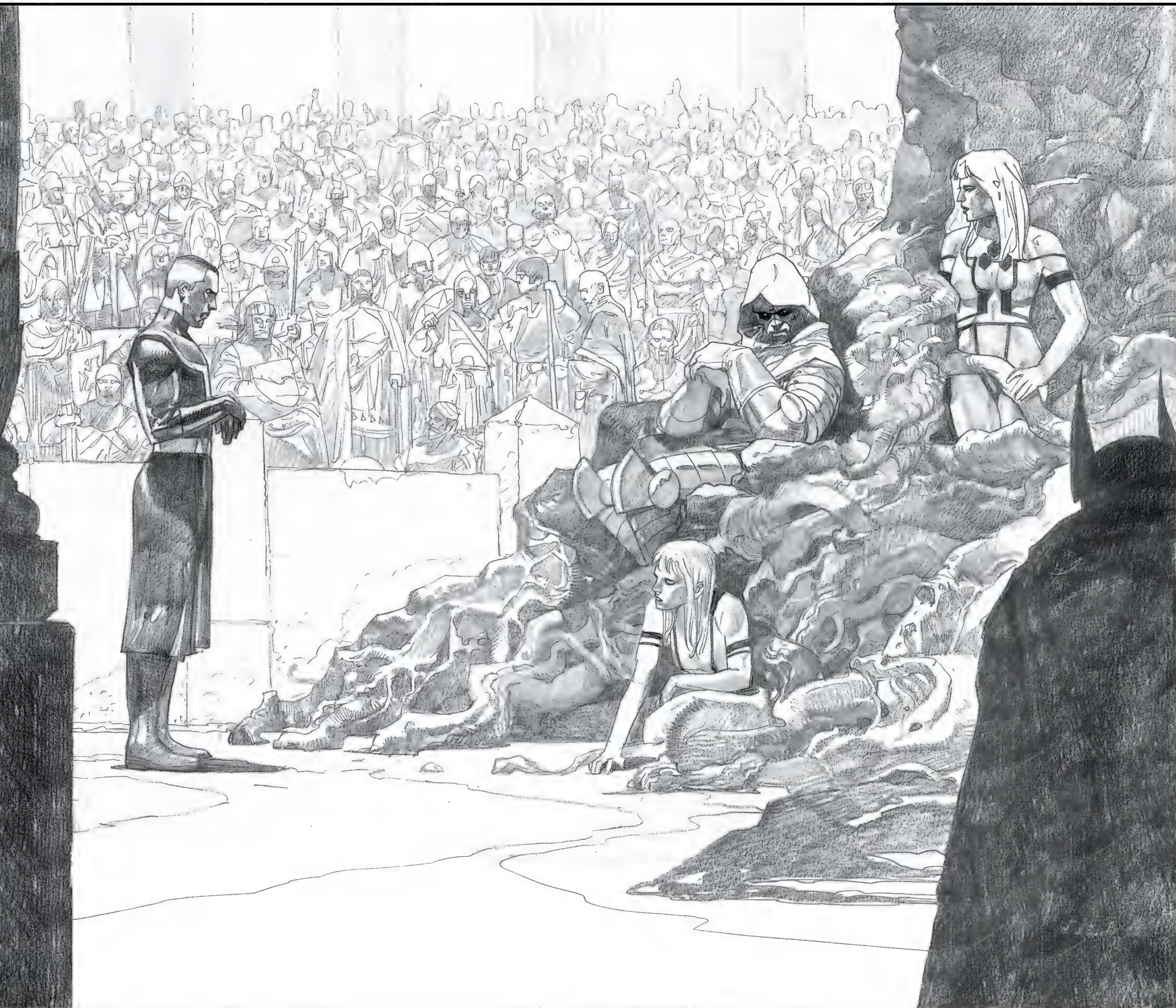
I BECAME
EVERYTHING I HAD
ALWAYS DREAMED OF
BEING. I CONTROLLED
SPACE AND TIME, AND
THE WORLD LOOKED TO
ME, AND ONLY ME, AS
THEIR ONE TRUE GOD.

I HELD MY ENEMIES
CLOSE AND I KEPT
THE CHAOS OF THIS
WORLD IN CHECK BY
ONLY MY SHEER
FORCE OF WILL.

ONLY A HANDFUL
OF PEOPLE EVEN
REMEMBER THAT
THIS EVER HAPPENED.

BUT IT
DID.

I WAS GOD
AND THE WORLD
WAS MINE.



"BUT ULTIMATELY
IT ALL FAILED.

"I FAILED.

"BECAUSE IT WAS...
THERE ARE NO BETTER
WORDS TO USE: I CREATED
THE UNIVERSE IN MY IMAGE,
AND IT TOOK ALL OF THAT TO
DISCOVER THAT NO MAN IS
GOD AND GOD IS NOT MAN.

"I WAS GOD,
AND...AND YET, I
WAS UNCHANGED.

"I WAS NOT ONE
WITH THE UNIVERSE.
I WAS NOT CONTENT.

"I HAD PUSHED MYSELF FOR
THIS FOR SO MUCH OF MY
LIFE ONLY TO DISCOVER IT
WAS A FOOL'S QUEST.

"SO I FELL BACK
TO EARTH...FORCED
TO CONFRONT MY
TRUE SELF...

"...TO RETHINK
MY PURPOSE
IN THIS LIFE.


"AND IT WAS THEN
THAT A SUDDEN
AND SIMPLE NOTION
STRUCK ME.

"IT KNOCKED
ME TO MY
KNEES.

"IF THE SELFISH
ACT OF ULTIMATE
POWER WAS NOT
MY CALLING...

"...THEN MAYBE
THE OPPOSITE
COULD BE TRUE.



A dramatic comic book illustration. On the left, Doctor Doom, in his black hooded cloak and mask, looks out from a high vantage point. In the center, Ultron, a blue and silver robotic figure, stands amidst a chaotic scene of purple energy beams and explosions. On the right, Iron Man, in his iconic red and gold suit, stands with his arms outstretched, surrounded by the same intense purple energy. The background shows a complex industrial or technological structure with various pipes and machinery.

"PERHAPS THE REST OF MY
LIFE NEEDED TO BE DEDICATED
TO OTHER PURSUITS.

"A LIFE OF
PROTECTING INSTEAD
OF CONQUERING.

"AS I PREPARED FOR THIS,
I LOOKED OUT TO MY TRUE PEERS.
TO REED RICHARDS, TONY STARK...AND
AS I LOOKED TO THEM, I STUDIED
THEM WITH FRESH EYES AND I SAW
A NEW PURPOSE.

"A **BETTER**
PURPOSE.

"BUT IN WHAT FORM?
THAT, I WOULD NEED
TO CONSIDER.

"I THEN REALIZED THAT MY LIFE UP UNTIL NOW
HAD PUT ME IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOME
OF THE **WORST PEOPLE** ON THIS PLANET.

"BUT MAYBE THAT IS WHAT
ALL MY TIME AS '**DOCTOR DOOM**'
WAS PREPARING ME FOR.

"I KNEW WHO THE MONSTERS
WERE, WHERE THEY WERE
AND WHAT THEY WERE
CAPABLE OF.

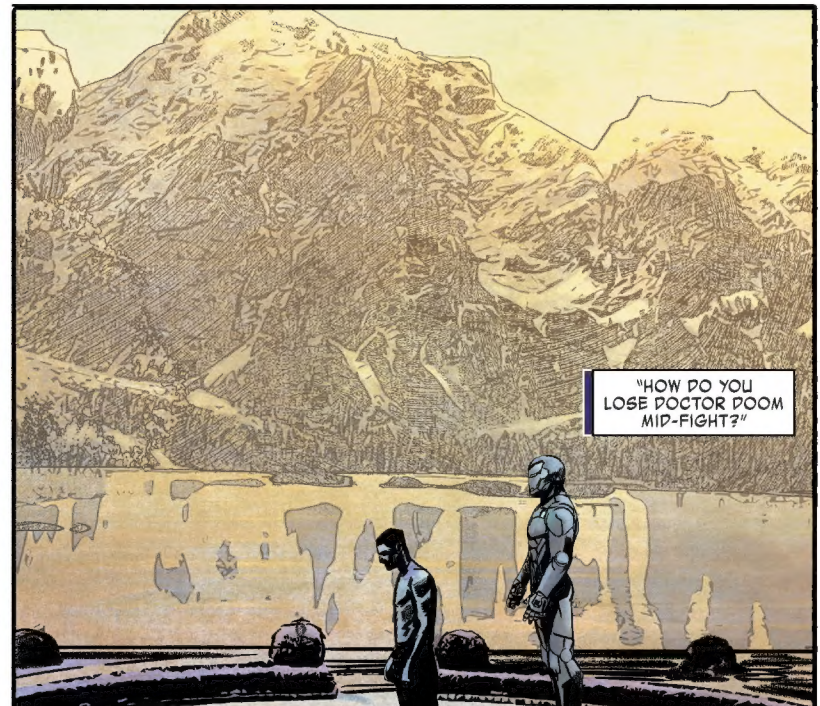
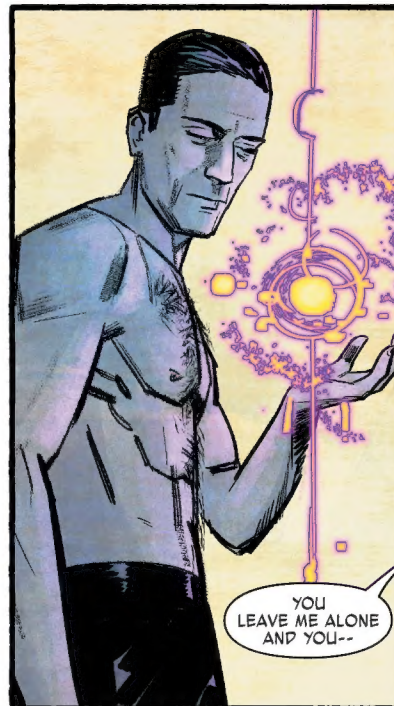
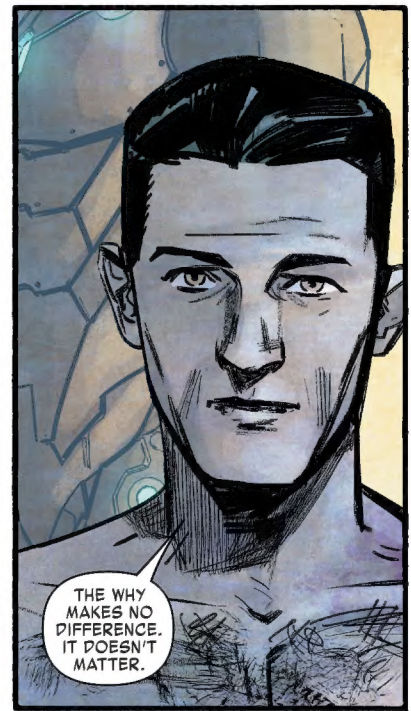
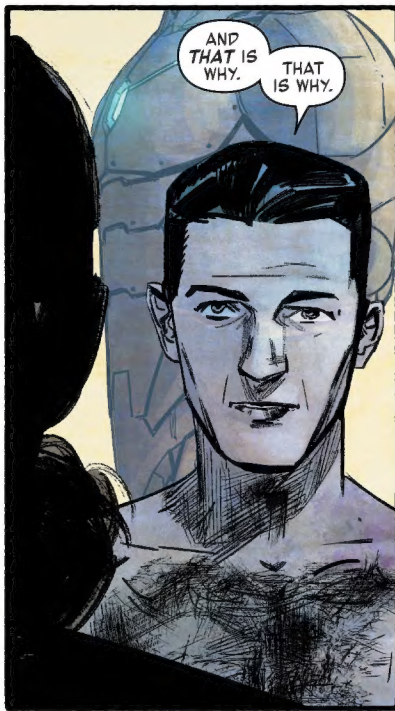
"I COULD RIGHT SO MANY
WRONGS QUICKER AND MORE
EFFICIENTLY THAN ANYONE ELSE.

"BECAUSE I WAS ONCE
THE WORST OF THEM ALL.

"I CAME TO TONY STARK BECAUSE
I ADMIRE HIM. I WAS ALWAYS--
I ALWAYS LOOKED AT HIM AND SAW
ANOTHER VERSION OF **ME**.

"AND WHEN HE FELL, I
KNEW THE ELDERS OF THE
COSMOS WERE TELLING
ME WHAT FORM MY
PENANCE WOULD NEED
TO TAKE.

"I WOULD BE
IRON MAN."





I DIDN'T
LOSE HIM, MISS
HILL.

HE
JUST KINDA
SLIPPED OUTTA
MY MITTS.

BUT STILL,
YOU FOUND HIM
PRETTY FAST. I'M
IMPRESSED.

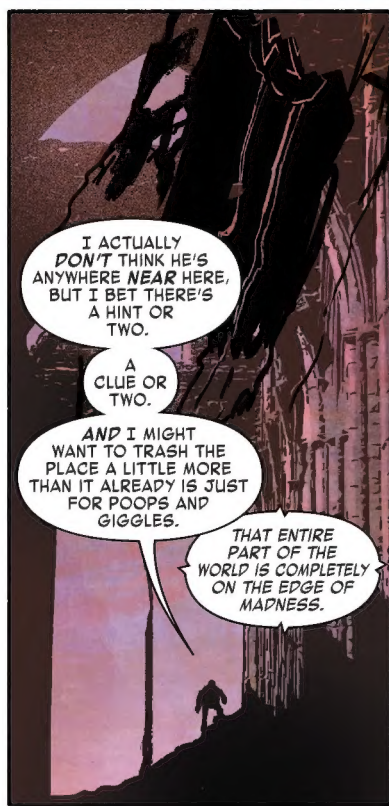
HE'S STILL
OUT THERE.
I'LL FIND HIM
AGAIN.



YOU
THINK HE'S IN
LATVERIA?

HOW DID YOU
KNOW I WAS IN--
OH, YEAH, YOU'RE
S.H.I.E.L.D.

PLEASE, OF
COURSE.



I ACTUALLY
DON'T THINK HE'S
ANYWHERE NEAR HERE,
BUT I BET THERE'S
A HINT OR
TWO.

A
CLUE OR
TWO.

AND I MIGHT
WANT TO TRASH THE
PLACE A LITTLE MORE
THAN IT ALREADY IS JUST
FOR POOPS AND
GIGGLES.

THAT ENTIRE
PART OF THE
WORLD IS COMPLETELY
ON THE EDGE OF
MADNESS.



WATCH OUT
FOR INSURGENTS
AND PLEASE TRY TO
AVOID ANY 3ZAKT3
INTERNATIONAL
INCIDENTS.

I
AIN'T MAKIN' NO
PROMISES.

I CAN'T
3ZAAT3 YOU'RE
BREAKING
3GKTTAA3

YEAH,
OKAY, BAD
RECEPTION.
BYE.



OH,
MY STARS AND
GARTERS...

...WHATEVER
THE HELL THAT
MEANS...



HIS
LAB.



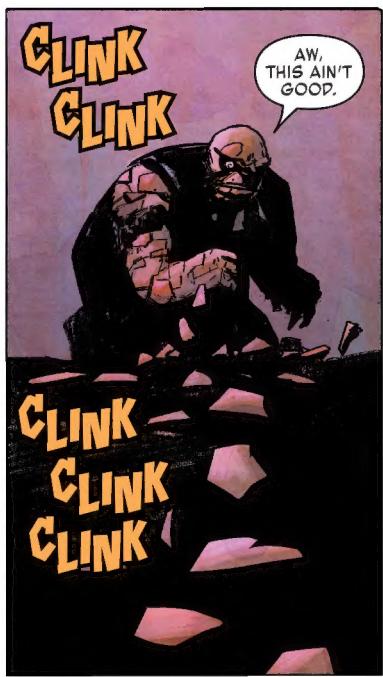
WELL,
DAMN, I DIDN'T
KNOW HE REALLY
LEFT ALL THIS
BE--



CLINK



AW,
NO. WHAT
THE--?



CLINK
CLINK

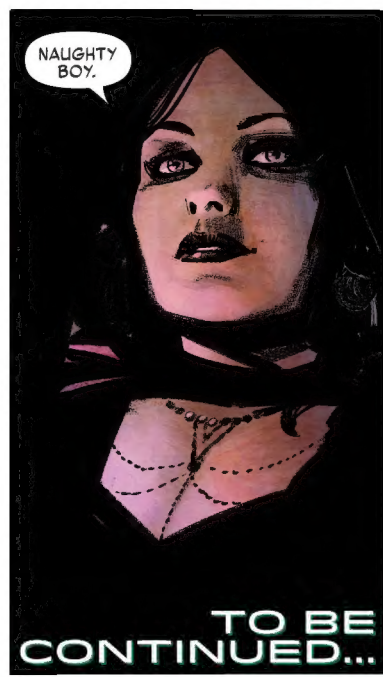
AW,
THIS AIN'T
GOOD.

CLINK
CLINK
CLINK



THIS
AIN'T EVEN
CLOSE
TO--

SO YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO'S
BEEN GIVING MY SON
A HARD TIME ALL
THESE YEARS.



NAUGHTY
BOY.

TO BE
CONTINUED...

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PRODIGAL SON!